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***"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN DATA  
BY MANAGED CARE COMPANIES AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
COMPANIES TO THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2015,  
4 the Insurance Commissioner shall convene a working group to  
5 develop recommendations for behavioral health utilization and quality  
6 measures data that should be collected uniformly from state agencies  
7 that pay health care claims, group hospitalization and medical and  
8 surgical insurance plans established pursuant to section 5-259 of the  
9 general statutes, the state medical assistance program and health  
10 insurance companies and health care centers that write health  
11 insurance policies and health care contracts in this state. The purposes  
12 of such recommendations include, but are not limited to, protecting

13 behavioral health parity for youths and other populations.

14 (b) The working group shall consist of the Insurance Commissioner,  
15 the Healthcare Advocate, the Commissioners of Social Services, Public  
16 Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families  
17 and Developmental Services and the Comptroller, or their designees,  
18 and may include representatives from health insurance companies or  
19 health care centers or any other members the Insurance Commissioner  
20 deems necessary and relevant to carry out the working group's duties  
21 under this section.

22 (c) (1) The working group shall determine the data that should be  
23 collected to inform analysis on (A) coverage for behavioral health  
24 services, (B) the adequacy of coverage for behavioral health conditions,  
25 including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorders and substance  
26 use disorders, (C) the alignment of medical necessity criteria and  
27 utilization management procedures across such agencies, plans,  
28 program, companies and centers, (D) the adequacy of health care  
29 provider networks, (E) the overall availability of behavioral health care  
30 providers in this state, (F) the percentage of behavioral health care  
31 providers in this state that are participating providers under a group  
32 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan established  
33 pursuant to section 5-259 of the general statutes, the state medical  
34 assistance program, or a health insurance policy or health care contract  
35 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
36 state, and (G) the adequacy of services available for behavioral health  
37 conditions, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorders  
38 and substance use disorders.

39 (2) The recommendations developed by the working group may  
40 include data such as (A) per member, per month claim expenses, (B)  
41 the median length of a covered treatment for an entire course of  
42 treatment by levels of care, (C) utilization review outcome data  
43 grouped by levels of care, age categories and levels of review as set  
44 forth in part VII of chapter 700c of the general statutes, (D) the number  
45 of in-network and out-of-network health care providers by location

46 and provider type, (E) health care provider network management data  
47 by location and provider type, and (F) health care provider network  
48 fluctuations, the causes of such fluctuations and the decisions made by  
49 health insurance companies, health care centers and state agencies  
50 regarding the approval of health care providers to join a health care  
51 provider network.

52 (d) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Insurance Commissioner shall  
53 submit a report of the recommendations of the working group as set  
54 forth in subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions  
55 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint  
56 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
57 matters relating to insurance, human services, public health and  
58 children."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section